

### LEGEND OF GARDEN OF EDEN

### Oriental Christians Believe Banana Tree Was the Source of Good and Evil

There exists a legend relative to the Christian inhabitants of the east that they believe the banana to be the tree of the source of good and evil, in a bunch of the fruit of which the serpent that tempted Eve hid itself, and they add that when Adam and Eve became ashamed of their nakedness

The origin of the banana is given as India, at the foot of the Himalayas, where it has been cultivated since remotest antiquity, says the National Geographic Magazine. Its origin in the new world is as doubtful as the

origin of the American Indian. Natural to Asia and Africa, where more than twenty distinct species of the genus are known, it is said to have been brought first to America from Spain, early in the sixteenth century, and planted in the island of Santo Domingo, whence its spread was rapid through the surrounding islands and the mainland. This has never been

Certain it is that throughout the whole meridional America there is a

strong tradition that at least two species of the plantain were cultivated long before the coming of the Incas. Furthermore, it is singular that in all the languages indigenous to the region where the hansen appears, the plant has a special name, not proceeding from the conquerors as was the case with the names of

Grown over the entire extent of the meridian of the earth, the fruit of the banana today forms in large part the principal food of a majority of the

**HURRIED AWAY BEFORE THAW**

Traveler Left While the Conversation  
at Nuisance Was "So Cold He  
Could Hardly Talk."  
In a country town in the English

Midland there is a man who is noted for his conversational ability. His acquaintances avoid giving him unnecessary opportunities to talk.

One cold morning this man rode to a hotel in the neighborhood just as the guests were finishing breakfast. He dismounted, walked in, saluted the

landlord in his usual loud tones, but declared that he was so cold that he could hardly talk.

Just then a nervous traveler, who was present, stepped up to the landlord and, taking him by the coat

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Mr. L. — Have my bill brought a

"What is the matter, my dear sir?" inquired the anxious landlord. "Is anything happened?"

"Nothing, nothing. Only I want to get away from here before that man shows."

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**Louise's Eyes Whirling.**

"I had a funny experience with saddles some years ago," he

turned to a friend. "I was rearing a nephew, Walter Watkins, in addition to my own family. He was full of life and action—too full, I fear, to be teachers at school. At any rate I kept unfastening the skirts off my saddle. It was an awful vexation to stand out in the country from Somerville

and find my saddle stripped to a naked tree. My hostler convinced after some difficulty that he was not stealing the leather.

"Finally I found that the youngster Walter, stripped the saddle to keep his trousers' seat lined with a saddle cloth against a whipping at school."

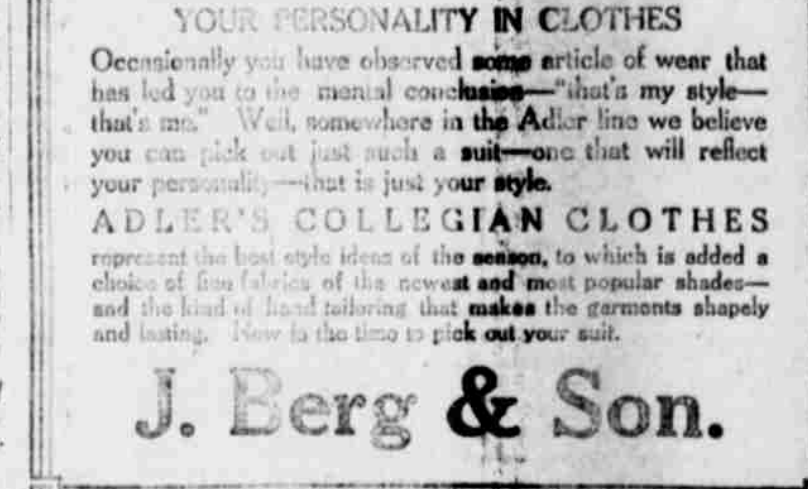
**She Didn't Intend To.**  
A middle aged couple, made su-  
ddenly rich, through an unexpected  
turn of fortune's wheel, were visit-  
ing the senator from their district at the  
Washington residence.

At breakfast the five morning after their arrival, the woman, nervous trying to ship off the top of her egg with her knife, attacked the problem with so much zeal that the egg was knocked out of the cup and rolled under the table. Not knowing just what the proper thing to do under the circumstances, she picked it up and

"Don't cackle," came the matter-of-fact reply.

Grain is hereafter not to be reaped but will be threshed in the field as stands, saving the farmers something like \$200,000,000 a year. This is the claim of Frank Morse, who describes in the Technical World Magazine the recent invention of a Kansan, Curt C. Baldwin. The machine has been

used for three successive harvests, b proved its utility and practicability most conclusively last fall when threshed from 25 to 30 acres of standing grain in a ten-hour day. The inventor contends that it will reduce the cost of the harvest from 14 cents to 6 cents a bushel.—San Francisco Argonaut.



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